

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
PETER WARD, et al. ] Confirmation No. 3333  
App. No. 10/572,766 ] Group Art Unit: 3635  
Filed: March 21, 2006 ] Examiner: Nguyen, Chi Q.  
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October 9, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING AN RCE**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby presents this submission in conjunction with a concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This is in response to the final Office Action mailed June 9, 2009.

**A Request for Extension of Time** appears on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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